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Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Hailey Smith battles for a ball with J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's (JDHES) Lara Gallant during an exhibition basketball game between the two Highlands' schools on Wednesday, May 4 at JDHES in Haliburton. This was the first competitive school basketball game for the girls in more than two years due to the pandemic. /DARREN LUM Staff

County council votes to strengthen shoreline protection bylaw

Vote also includes hiring a monitoring team and start a "lake health" program

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

Haliburton County has moved to create a more comprehensive shoreline protection bylaw that puts new limitations on

what can be built or removed near important waterways, which are vital to the region's identity and health.

A vote that passed at the April 27 virtual county council meeting allows the county to take several new steps to address the brewing community dilemma that has pitted environmentalists against

individual property owners for several months.

The vote allows the county to move forward with a plan to recruit "a monitoring and bylaw enforcement" team, subject to job descriptions written by county council. The team would survey whether property owners are doing anything that

could damage waterways.

It also calls for staff to write a proposal for a "lake health" program that would involve local organizations that could review other water-related bylaws within the county and release information to the

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Five issues Haliburton voters should consider

Candidates should face tough questions about child poverty, long-term care, climate change

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

There's plenty for Haliburton County voters to consider as they go to the polls on or before Thursday, June 2 to vote for a new provincial government and a local Member of Provincial Parliament.

Public health care and education issues always dominate discussions during provincial elections, which is understandable given that these two huge portfolios are provincial responsibilities.

But, there are other issues of concern that are generating discussion within local municipal offices and businesses. Here are a few issues that voters should keep in mind and perhaps ask local candidates to weigh in on as they decide who to vote for.

How can Haliburton's child poverty rate be lowered?

Roughly one in four children living in Haliburton County are living below the poverty line. This alarming statistic was unveiled to Haliburton County council in January, through a report by StrategyCorp, a firm hired to gather statistics to support the county's new Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. It said that the child poverty rate was 23 per cent and the overall poverty rate was 17.2 per cent. (The provincial average child poverty rate was 17.6 per cent in 2019, according to the Canadian Centre of Policy alternatives.). The report also said that "in 2019, 13.5 per cent of households in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes faced food access challenges (e.g. not having enough to eat, limited access to quality foods, or worries about having enough to eat) due to financial challenges."

This raises the question to candidates about how the poverty rate can be lowered and how comfortable should Ontarians be with allowing child poverty to continue? These high rates are nothing new. Way back in 1989, all parties in the federal House of Commons pledged to end child poverty by 2000. Yet, according to census data, in 2016 18.4 per cent of children in Ontario were living in poverty.

Education must be accessible, right?

A well-known pathway to reducing poverty is pro-

viding people with better access to education, but that remains an elusive goal in rural ridings, which don't have a large local post-secondary institution that locals can easily access. The same StrategyCorp reported that the rate of Haliburton County residents aged 25 to 64 with post-secondary education is just 55.6 per cent, down from the provincial rate of 67 per cent.

There are a myriad of solutions to this problem, which the provincial government has control over. It could be expanding programs at Fleming College's satellite campus in Haliburton, more student loans or distance learning options. It could also involve more transportation programs, which would allow Haliburton County residents without vehicles to get to nearby post-secondary institutions or trade schools. A recent Haliburton County-supported transportation program to get people to access trades training programs at SIRCH has been hailed as a step in the right direction, but more can be done.

How can the province help municipalities deal with climate change?

Haliburton County has been remarkably progressive in addressing climate change, knowing it's a rural cottage country that stands to lose its identity if it doesn't adapt to new weather patterns.

It recently adopted a Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan, which calls for re-imagining how the county builds infrastructure and recreational programs, among other areas. For instance, it recommends municipal projects now be built with "green infrastructure" such as green roofs or rain gardens.

Yet, paying for infrastructure is always a daunting challenge for municipalities, which often need help from the provincial tax base.

Haliburton County voters would be wise to ask political parties how they intend to reward municipalities, like those that make up Haliburton County, who have shown great leadership in accepting – and not denying – that climate change is here to stay.

How can Public Health catch up?

This last provincial election term was, obviously, dominated by pandemic response. Public Health leaders and workers did a remarkable job at putting together urgent programs, like the vaccine program, to save lives.

But, it came at a cost, as many public health workers were deployed from their normal areas of work to get the vaccines out. A late-2021 letter from the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Pine Ridge Health unit to the government, indicated that 2,400 students missed the school-based immunization program during the pandemic and 5,300 local children were overdue for oral health screenings.

The Public Health unit wants to catch up on offering important programs but must find a way to do so after maxing out budgets in 2020 and 2021. Voters should think about which party can best find a way to support and financially back this important institution.

Are we doing everything we can for elderly residents in long-term care?

Premier Doug Ford's biggest crisis during his first term in office may have come when a report by the Canadian Forces was delivered to him in the spring of 2020, after the military was called in to work at five long-term care homes that were hit hard by COVID-19. The report painted a picture of understaffed homes where the health of elderly residents was severely neglected; and it signalled calls for new standards that should govern how all long-term homes operate; even those that are run privately.

Locally, the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition was born to advocate for higher standards and argue against privatization.

The issue hits close to home, given that Pinecrest Nursing Home, in nearby Bobcaygeon – which is in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – was considered one of the epicentres of the crisis, as 28 residents, plus a spouse of a resident, died as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak during the first wave of the pandemic in the spring of 2020.

The tragic nature of this story means that no voter should be afraid to ask a demanding question to any political candidate about whether the province is doing all it can for our most elderly citizens.

Same goes for any of the four other mentioned issues – or issues that impact your family or livelihood. They are tough issues, which demand tough questions and there are no easy answers. But, candidates should be able to address them if they are to earn your vote.

Shoreline preservation bylaw process isn't over

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public.

The vote passed after more than an hour of discussion and the release of a thorough report by the county's planning director, Steve Stone. It outlined the context leading up to the vote, as this bylaw has been in the works for months.

"I think this was a really good discussion," said Warden Liz Danielsen, after the vote passed. She added that she thought a next step for the plan would be to include provisions for how septic inspections should work.

Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy also endorsed it, saying, "we have a wealth of information here. We need to pull it together to see what we've got."

The county began the process of creating a shoreline preservation bylaw in 2017, out of worries that when structures or other developments are built too close to

the water, they can damage ecosystems and the overall health of water. The bylaw is ultimately about protecting the shorelines of Haliburton County, which are important to the area's lifestyles, tourism industry and overall charm.

The vote that passed doesn't end the process, but asks staff to "continue refinement" of the draft bylaw.

The bylaw, as it stands now, is 21 pages long and it meticulously lays out what property owners need to do to comply with the law.

For instance it says, "no person shall undertake any site alteration" without a proper permit.

It also says, "no person shall injure or destroy a tree, or remove native vegetation" without a permit.

The bylaw also gives details on how to obtain permits to work near water, noting that a shoreline permit can be given out when the planning director "is satisfied that the activities and works proposed in the application will

not result in: i) the removal of more than 25 per cent of trees in the shoreline; ii) flooding or ponding; iii) erosion; iv) blockage or siltation of a body of water; v) increased surface water flow to adjacent lands; vi) increased surface water to adjacent bodies of water; vii) a detrimental effect on any tree; and, viii) a contravention of the intent of this By-law."

Environmental issues, such as this, often draw attention in Haliburton County.

In January, a Haliburton-based group called the Turtle Guardians held a protest outside a Gelert Road residence where the property owner was believed to be filling in important wetlands.

Although the activity stopped, several concerned citizens wrote to Dysart et al council, calling on the municipal government to better enforce protection of wetlands.



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Property owner said dam breach a warning

DARREN LUM

Editor

Wilberforce resident Mark Bramham laughs, saying it was “dam shame.”

The tongue-in-cheek comment is something he tells people who ask him about the breached earth dam on Esson Lake, which he discovered while working on his property on Tuesday afternoon last week.

“I was pulling taps ... and there was no sign of a problem at two o’clock. I came across the [dam]. It looked fine. When I went back at 6:30 [p.m.] that’s when there was a problem. So, I could hear the water rushing and saw it coming through the woods and saw the water was rising up higher and higher than the bridge, so by that time it was 6:30,” he said.

Bramham has owned the 300 acre property with his wife Sandra since 1971 and the dam was there. They operate Esson Creek Maple & Greenmantle Mineral Tours where they host people to learn about maple syrup production and to learn about minerals. He used what Parks Canada calls an “embankment” regularly to cross between his two sections of property that bridges what is close to the width of a road lane. He was immediately worried when he saw the breach to the dam, which he believes was made in 1905.

“I was worried about everybody that was involved. The people on the lake, losing their water. I was worried about the people down stream, who may be flooded out and had no warning. I worried about the roads and whether they would wash out. I worried about the wildlife. It wasn’t so much about me. I felt I had to alert as many people as possible and it was just rainy and it was late at night,” he said.

Bramham made calls to the police, and anyone he thought could help such as a friend, who works at the Ministry of Natural Resources, including the township. A Parks Canada representative came out the next day, telling him they had a plan. From a prepared emailed statement made Thursday, May 5, Ontario Waterways Parks Canada’s strategic advisor, Karen Feeley said they were alerted of the “breach of an earth embankment” on May 3.

“Parks Canada staff have been on location since the initial reported breach to assess and monitor water level changes and resulting impacts. The breach is not expected to pose a risk to private property or municipal infrastructure. Parks Canada is working on temporarily blocking the culvert underneath Essonville Line to retain water in the northern portion of the lake. As a result, the small southern portion of the lake will experience significantly reduced water levels to allow access for an inspection of the breach and surrounding embankment. Property owners north of the culvert closure will experience lower than average water levels, while property owners south of the culvert closure will experience significantly lower than average water levels. Boating across the culvert will not be possible for the time being. Parks Canada is working with provincial and municipal stakeholders and local property owners to provide updates as necessary. Parks Canada will continue to monitor the area closely and will provide additional details as they become available,” she wrote in an email.

Getting told a plan was in place has alleviated some of Bramham’s concerns. He believes the culvert under Essonville Road factored in averting a greater problem.

“That culvert is saving our bacon



Wilberforce resident Mark Bramham points to his dock while standing just above the breach in the earth dam on his 300 acre property. Parks Canada is now on-site. /DARREN LUM Staff

because it’s a way of slowing down the water. Now, if a lake doesn’t have a culvert, then what do you do if there is a breach in the dam? They got to think of these contingency plans,” he said.

For Bramham, he believes this is a warning to take heed of and wants more attention paid to these kinds of dams to avoid what happened.

“Make sure Parks Canada, or whoever, has enough money to look after the aging infrastructure and we all need to realize how important our water is to not only ourselves and the economy, but also the wildlife and everything. Our forests and so on. We need to manage it and get serious about keeping it in good shape. It’s like going to It’s the same thing with infrastructure,” he said.

Bramham hopes that time and money will be invested in preventing future problems with dams like the one on his property.

“A lot of our dams are over a 100 years-old and we need to maintain [them] because if we don’t everybody loses,” he said. “I think we need to listen to land-owners. I’ve owned this property for over 50 years, so I’m aware of changes that happen and I tried to alert them. They’re the experts and I’m just an old man. They know more,” he said sarcastically. He said he was told this dam was being monitored after he alerted Parks Canada about his concerns before this breach.

“Hopefully, there will be a good outcome. That they’ll be able to save the water on the lake and repair the problem,” he said.

Feeley said since starting, there has been Parks Canada staff on site to assess and monitor water level changes and resulting impacts.

“We are currently still in the assessment phase and working towards an interim repair, which is expected to take several weeks to implement. This interim repair is expected to allow the portion of the lake south of Essonville Line road to have its water levels increased with negligible expected impacts on the water levels in the portion of the north of Essonville Line,” she said.

The long-term repair of the “earth embankment” is planned for the coming winter when related water levels are down.

“Parks Canada will continue to provide additional details of both the



Parks Canada installs sandbags at the culvert on Esson Lake to lower the water, so they could assess and then repair the breach in the earth dam on Thursday, May 5, which occurred on May 3.

interim and long-term repairs as they become available. In the interim, Parks Canada has initiated an email list to update property owners promptly. For

property owners to be added to the list, they can email trentsevern@pc.gc.ca with “Esson Lake” in the subject line.”

SIRCH for a better world: smiling faces in school this summer

ANGELICA INGRAM

Special to the Echo

This summer, laughter will fill the air at schools across Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka with the return of School's Cool.

Last year, 93 students participated in the program that both prepares children for kindergarten and gives children who are floundering in kindergarten, a leg up. This year spaces are available for 126 children.

The free six-week program will run from July 11 to Aug. 18, Monday to Thursday, in person at six different schools. This year, School's Cool is targeting children in junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten who have struggled with the learning challenges and disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as children entering kindergarten who may not be ready.

"School's Cool is a play-based program that increases developmental skills by nearly one year over a six week period," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson. "Research shows that those gains are sustainable, resulting in higher Grade 3 testing scores. Past graduates and their parents still talk about the impact that the School's Cool program had on their school success."

Brothers Isaiah, six, and Asher, four, were just two of the many students who thoroughly enjoyed the program in 2021 and saw many benefits from it, said their mother Leanne Young.

"I decided to send them because I wanted Asher to have some shorter days to adjust to school rhythms," she said. "I was nervous how he would adjust to school because he hasn't left home since COVID. So he didn't get any preschool/day care exposure. And Isaiah was really struggling with not having school since April [2021]. So I thought the routine would be good for him."

Not only was the routine good for the boys, but they loved it, said Young.

"They were excited to go every day," she said, adding there were also other improvements that she noticed. "Isaiah's behaviour drastically improved. He was really missing socializing with other kids and having a routine of in-school activity. He hated virtual school. Asher's vocabulary improved and he was so excited to tell me what they did every day."

Last year, School's Cool instructors saw vast improvements with many of the children in the program, which focused on social development, routines, and confidence building. Behaviours that were seen in children at the start of the program included difficulty paying attention, aggression, separation anxiety and being shy or withdrawn.

School's Cool coordinator Chris Lynd said, "I think that the overall success was partly due to being in a group setting with peers, playing, learning and discussing things important to them. They were happy to be able to play and laugh with other kids. Their parents told us how excited they were to be with others and that their "happiness" level had increased.

This year the program will take place at

Stuart Baker Elementary School, Ridgewood Public School, Gravenhurst Public School, Spruce Glen Public School, Alexandra Public School and Queen Victoria Public School.

Over the years the program has received praise from parents of the participants, commenting on how much it helped them or their child prepare for kindergarten.

For Lynd, this is all the evidence she needs to believe in the program and the impact it has on both the children and the community.

"For me, I am very pleased to see the growth of the children over time. It confirms for me that School's Cool is a great program that introduces children to Kindergarten, building confidence, skills and awareness."

For more information on School's Cool and how to register, contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or email info@sirch.on.ca.

School's Cool, a six-week transition program for pre-schoolers, are looking for children to enrol this summer. Schools in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka are participating. Submitted by Angelica Ingram.



COVID-19 outbreak in in-patient department of haliburton hospital declared over

Today (May 9), the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the in-patient department at the Haliburton Hospital is over. There were a total of five patients and staff who tested positive during the outbreak, which was declared on April 28.

"We are thankful for the excellent work of our staff and their diligence in maintaining our important infection prevention and control measures, which has brought this outbreak to an end," said Carolyn

Plummer, HHHS president and CEO. "We are also grateful for the collaborative work done by our teams and the HKPR Dis-

trict Health Unit, as well as the support we received from our neighbouring partner hospitals."

Regular activities for the in-patient department will now resume, including receiving new admissions and allowing up to two dedicated visitors per inpatient.

Staff will continue to follow Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures in the in-patient department, including mandatory masking in all patient care areas, mandatory vaccination, regular surveillance testing, and active screening before entry into all facilities.

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Sweet Revenge

Madame Borgdorff cakes student Mathias Lee at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, May 6 on the final day of the school's Support Ukraine fundraiser week. The day featured a barbecue lunch by donation, teachers getting pied in the face, and a buyout for the afternoon. The week began with a bake sale on Monday, a floral day on Tuesday featuring a flower crown-making seminar, a lunchtime performance by student musicians on Wednesday, and a chance to wear blue during Blue Day on Thursday. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Big Red hangs out by the barbecue at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, May 6 on the final day of the school's Support Ukraine fundraiser week.

op-ed

Harburn holdings Ltd. addresses criticism for its development

Harburn Holdings Ltd. is proposing residential and limited commercial development on its Peninsula Road property, on the west shore of Grass Lake. I am Harburn Holdings' planner, and its agent for applications to amend the Dysart et al Official Plan and zoning bylaw and sever three lots. I'm responding to an April 26 op-ed *Consultants question Grass Lake proposal* by Carolyn Langdon of the Friends of Grass Lake, as well as an emailed response from Langdon which occupies almost all of a staff story *Mayor Roberts addresses op-ed, Consultants questions Grass Lake proposal* in the same issue.

Consulting firm D.M. Wills submitted a March 16, 2022 planning opinion on behalf of the Friends. Wills and I have different opinions on the merits of the proposal – Dysart Council will decide. But there are also many factual problems with the Wills letter. Readers, please review that letter and my April 20, 2022 response, both on the Dysart website (see Build and Invest/Planning and Land Use/Current Development Applications). Here, I can only answer very briefly these points in the op-ed:

1. Wills says our new lot on the corner of County Road 21 and Peninsula Road won't meet the county's minimum frontage requirements. Not so, Wills misread the County Official Plan.

2. Wills claims aerial photos show the high water mark has been altered, there was filling below the shoreline, and tree cutting contravened the county's Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw. They don't, none of these happened.

3. The Friends asked the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources (MNDMNRF) and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to investigate the Wills claims. On April 26, DFO contacted Harburn and visited the site the next day. DFO concluded they had no concerns. We have never heard from MNDMNRF.

4. The Friends say the site is outside the village of Haliburton (the Wills letter is unclear and inconsistent). The site is inside the Haliburton village urban boundary and the village sewage service area.

5. Wills and the Friends suggest we are proposing development in that part of the site designated Environmental Protection. Not true.

6. The Friends criticize our having proposed a dock, because it would be in critical fish habitat. A pole dock designed and built using best practices can be compatible with fish habitat. However, we have now withdrawn the dock proposal - see my April 20, 2022 letter to residents, on the Dysart website.

Continuing on to the staff story, Langdon's email complains about how Dysart has handled our applications. Dysart has followed Planning Act requirements, and over and above that, its normal approach to public involvement in the planning process which is well within the municipal mainstream. If Langdon wants to advocate changes to the Planning Act or Dysart's practices, the current provincial and municipal election campaigns provide her that opportunity.

We provided residents with more information, much earlier, than if we'd left everything to Dysart. Instead of spoon-feeding residents, we ensured they had immediate access to all the detailed information we submitted to the municipality. Langdon seems to find this objectionable.

Langdon also contends the municipality didn't answer various questions about our applications. I would have happily provided those answers. Some of them are in fact provided in letters from me on the Dysart website. But neither the Friends nor their consultants Wills ever contacted me, to ask questions or discuss concerns.

Finally, Langdon returns to tree cutting and site alteration by Harburn, and lack of regulation by the municipality. Yes, Harburn cut trees and altered the site above the shoreline, but not after 2011. The Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw took effect in 2012. Dysart doesn't have a site alteration bylaw, but many other municipalities don't either, not just two other "holdouts" as Langdon claims. MNDMNRF, not Dysart, regulates dredging and filling below the shoreline - which Harburn has never done.

Although Harburn and I have no choice but to reply to the Friends this way, and despite the Friends' failure to dialogue with us, it's never too late to take a different road. Our door remains wide open.

Submitted by Tony Usher, RPP, Anthony Usher Planning Consultant

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With the upcoming provincial election on June 2, there is an opportunity for less maybes and more yes, this can happen. I'm under no illusion that Doug Ford's time in office is really threatened. His record during the pandemic is suspect. His dealings with healthcare which includes blaming PSWs early on in the pandemic for increasing transmission rates when they are forced to work multiple shifts at different long-term care facilities to work full time hours is an example of the blame game he falls back on. Also, his I didn't know this was going to happen (at pick a wave) to the complaints about the federal government are tired. Last year at this time, an audit of pandemic-related health spending results showed the province failed to properly track billions of dollars in COVID-19 relief funds, including high-profile programs like pay increases for frontline workers.

If Ontario hopes for a change, it's not likely. The politically left voting group (who can vote for more than one party) leaves Ontario divided in a way that leaves it ripe for another conservative win. I'm not telling anyone to vote strategically. However, the national dental program came to

be because of the NDP-Liberal agreement only a few months ago. Sometimes a unified effort is needed. Isn't this a common lesson for children? Why is politics so different?

So, it's important now more than ever we hold the politician we vote for to be accountable to what they promise. If they say they're looking out for the working class, then it's important to not fall victim to measly handouts of "buck a beer" promises, or a few hundred dollars in the mail from refunding the fees associated to license plate stickers. Giving money back to the detriment of government

programming for what typically affects the population with the most to lose, who are the low income earners, is an insult of our intelligence.

One thing that is certain is how we respond to the challenges that face our community and find common ground among other communities, so we can all move forward despite the threat of a Third World War and the rising cost of living

from global inflation.

We have the power within us all to decide the government that will serve us the best.

Let's base our vote on their past records instead of who we think we can have a beer with or thinks gets us. They're supposed to be our representatives. Not a date. This approach doesn't really lend itself well to running a province.

And then again, maybe voters don't care. As in love, we choose who we think we deserve rather than who is best for us in the long-run.

Rather than hope, let's put action to our words and change the pattern. So, instead of maybe, it's what if we do this to make a difference we all can derive benefit from? Or maybe not.



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Editorial



Path to adventure

by Darren Lum

Divine abodes

MARY OLIVER is an American poet and I recently read a line from a poem of hers that said, "My job is to love the world." Seven simple words, but not a simple task. We all face very difficult circumstances that can get in the way of loving life.

This pandemic is one example of a huge challenge we have all endured. Living in it, getting through it and transitioning out of it is taking a lot of work. I can only speak for myself, but I am aware that it is easy for me to feel grim, anxious, fearful and full of doubt. The ground beneath us is constantly shifting and we still face uncertainties. Tara Brach, who is a well known author and meditation teacher (she has really great free talks on you tube), calls it a "trance" when we get into states of fear or doubt.

It happens to all of us, whether it is related to the pandemic or to a sick family member or a challenging job or just a personal feeling of unworthiness. We all struggle at some point. And we all need tools that we can use to help us wake up (get out of the trance) and feel all of life with an open heart.

As soon as this article is submitted I am getting into my packed car and heading out on an eight day silent meditation and yoga retreat at The Guelph Centre for Spirituality.

This will be the first retreat I have done in more two years and I will be into the "thick of it" as

you read this article. Meditation is a tool that helps me. "A heart that resonates" is the theme of the retreat and we will be exploring the flavours of an awake and present heart called the "Divine Abodes" in Buddhism.

There are four divine abodes and they are all expressions of a wise and kind heart that we all have the capacity to cultivate. The abodes

are: loving kindness, compassion, joy and equanimity. Loving kindness is about really seeing the goodness that is around us. Compassion acknowledges that we are all connected, all of life. We want the very best for all beings. Joy acknowledges the capacity that each of us has for experiencing life as a celebration.

Equanimity is our ability to be present

to experience all of the abodes. This practice doesn't deny that challenging things are happening, it simply encourages embracing whatever is going on with these abodes. It is not easy work but it is based on the idea that we all have the potential to be guided by love. When we intentionally focus on love, compassion and joy we are happier. And what I love about this practice is that it is about loving the life we are in right now. Not our future self when we loose 10 pounds or to get our husband to stop snoring. It's about waking up to this one precious life we are given and as Mary Oliver said, "being astonished by it."

It is our job to love the world.

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points of view

My miniature mom

I WENT TO See my mother on Mother's Day and had a great visit. Before we left, Jenn took a photo of Mom and me which I only really looked at after we got home.

On examination, the photo suggested two things: either my mom is very tiny, or I am gigantic.

The thing is, I am not a big man at all. I have absolutely no delusions about my height. I am 5-foot-3, which only makes me only slightly taller than average.

On the other hand, my mom was once 5-foot-1. But she has battled gravity for 84 years and is now a spritely 4-foot-9 or so and perhaps 100 pounds soaking wet. So, in the photo – that glorious photo – I tower over her and sort of look like Andre the Giant.

Suddenly, this went from being a nice photo to a very useful photo.

You see, from here on in, this will be the photo I use on any social media platform I join.

I have already posted it on my current accounts. And in the near future, I plan on casually mentioning that my mother is 5-foot-10.

This will mean that people who only know me from social media will conclude that I am somewhere around 6-foot-4.

I already did the calculations. This makes me a full 20 per cent larger than I actually am.

This is obviously useful and is only bolstered by the fact that everyone who knows me



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already calls me, "Big Guy."

From here on in, whenever I post a photo of a fish, deer, turkey or other game animal, those people who have never actually met me will be forced to assume the fish or animal in question is also 20 per cent larger than it is. Larger still, if I hold them on outstretched arms.

The benefits of this cannot be understated.

For instance, right now when I hold up a wild turkey and walk away with it for that classic photo of a hunter walking away with a harvested turkey over his shoulder, the turkey already looks huge because it almost drags on the ground. But imagine how big it would look if you thought I was 6-foot-4?

I am already planning a pay-per-view, online seminar entitled, "How to bag a giant gobbler."

It will be the same with fish.

The best part is, I will not have to say a word about the size of the fish or game I am posing with. I will just let the photos do the talking. And this will also make me appear to be humble – which you might also learn how to do in my upcoming pay-per-view, online seminar entitled, "How to be a humble outdoorsman," slated for this autumn.

I also soon expect to be contacted by several pro- or semi-pro football teams in need of a linebacker, but I will refuse the offers. But I will show them off online.

How long can I keep up the ruse? Well, it won't be easy, but so long as I am not photo-bombed by children, carnival-ride height restriction signs, or have photos taken of my feet swinging from chairs, I should be all right.

In the meantime, does anyone have a Shetland pony that could pass as a draft horse? I could use another photo or two.



pic of the past

Workers from the International Cooperage in Eagle Lake unload logs in the mill yard. A 1940s International K-Series flatbed truck is shown parked in front of a log jammer. Bill McCracken, the jammer operator, is standing on the roof of the truck cab, at left, with Morris Henderson at the right while Arnot Roberts, front, and Jim Kirkpatrick, at back, are holding the jammer lines. Garnet Paull is shown at the far right of photo with a team of horses. Notice the vast quantity of logs being piled for use in the mill to produce barrel heads. [A clever magnifying glass held over the truck's license plate indicates that this picture was taken in 1950.] Photo submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum's Steve Hill, which was made possible with the donation by Bill Fry of Eagle Lake whose father Lorne Fry worked at the International Cooperage in Eagle Lake.

Keep our planet on the ballot

To the Editor,

"Political campaigns are designedly made into emotional orgies which endeavour to distract attention from the real issues involved, and they actually paralyze what slight powers of cerebration man can normally muster," American scholar of history, James Harvey Robinson (1863-1935) said.

What blend of fact versus fiction will be served up to us during the coming Ontario election campaign? We all know that COVID-19 and its variants have delayed actions to address critical social and environmental justice challenges, including the climate crisis. The United Nation's recent *Code Red for Humanity* report confirms that the opportunity for a middle ground climate response disappeared long ago.

As the blanket of fossil fuel pollution enveloping our planet continues to push global temperatures ever higher, many of us are frightened for our communities, for people around the globe, and for the world we are leaving our children. It's easy to feel powerless — that anything we do is insignificant against the causes of climate change.

Even the darkest cloud may have a silver lining, if only we take the time to look beyond the surface. As physicist Neil Bohr (1885 – 1962) once stated, "Every great and deep difficulty bears in itself its own solution. It forces us to change our

thinking in order to find it."

The non-partisan Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign, promoting awareness on the climate crisis along with other environmental and related social justice issues, provides an overview of our individual and collective 'silver lining' opportunities. For more information and ways to take action, see ontarioclimateemergency.ca. How much of their Climate Action Plan will your vote support?

The provincial election on June 2 presents all of Ontario's voters with an important opportunity. Let's ensure that candidates for all parties are aware of and actively respect our voice as we call for truly effective and timely action for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and good old Mother Earth.

Whatever the outcome when our votes are counted, it will be upon us to hold all elected politicians' feet to the climate fire.

"You can't be neutral on a moving train!" American historian, author, playwright and activities, Howard Zinn (1922 – 2010) said.

John Gibb
Minden

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HHSS co-op series

Fueling a dream with foundational skills

DARREN LUM

Editor

The following is part of a series of co-op placement stories, featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.

Kaleb Pereira, a senior high school co-op student is looking to fulfill his dream to race in motocross, with a focus on the lucrative potential of a career in the trades.

The Grade 11 student, who likes the value of work spent his first semester earning four credits to his Ontario Secondary School Diploma while receiving instruction and hands-on training on construction sites learning about drywalling, cutting and installing trim, ceiling installation, and installing sub-floor.

All these skills will set him on a path to a career that will help him fund his hopes to race dirt bikes.

"Right now, I want to make as much money as possible. I want to be a professional dirt bike rider," the 16 year-old said. "I'm just training and racing. It can be a full time job, but not really."

He adds, the reality for motocross racers is a day job is needed to supplement income, which is the insight he gained after speaking with current racers. He'll be starting as rookie classified racer. Next year, he hopes to take action to be a racer next year.

The teenager appreciated the diversity of skills he learned and the collaborative aspect of the work during his co-op experience last semester.

"I've [had] quite a few jobs and this one is a lot different. Working with other contractors too. This [kind of] teamwork is the best," he said.

There's a certain satisfaction for him to be able to be self-reliant when it comes to inevitable repairs or renovation work that a house may need.

"I just wanted a little experience. Just know if I got to fix something at my own house [I could do it]," he said.

Kaleb is not adverse to hard work.

In addition to school and the co-op, Pereira said he is a cook at Sir Sam's and runs his own landscaping business where he is capable of running equipment such as skid-steers and a dump box.

His heart though is in construction.

"I love it," he said.

Among his other ambitions include a desire to get his license to be able to be a heavy equipment operator, which would enable him to operate vehicles such as bulldozer.

Although he enjoyed his time out of the class, co-op is more than just escaping.

"The experience. Get out and have a real job and see what it's like. If you think about trades, it's great idea to get into co-op. 100 per cent," he said, referencing what he likes about co-op.

Carpentry is an area of work he is now considering after his co-op experience.

The greatest satisfaction Kaleb derived from his work experience with his mentor and contractor Caleb Campbell was to see the end result of his hard work.

"Just building and seeing how when the house first started to when it was finished and how amazing it was," he said.

This wasn't the teen's first foray into the trades for a professional.

Before this experience, he helped his brother, who is an electrician with his own business based in the Highlands, Paradigm Electric.

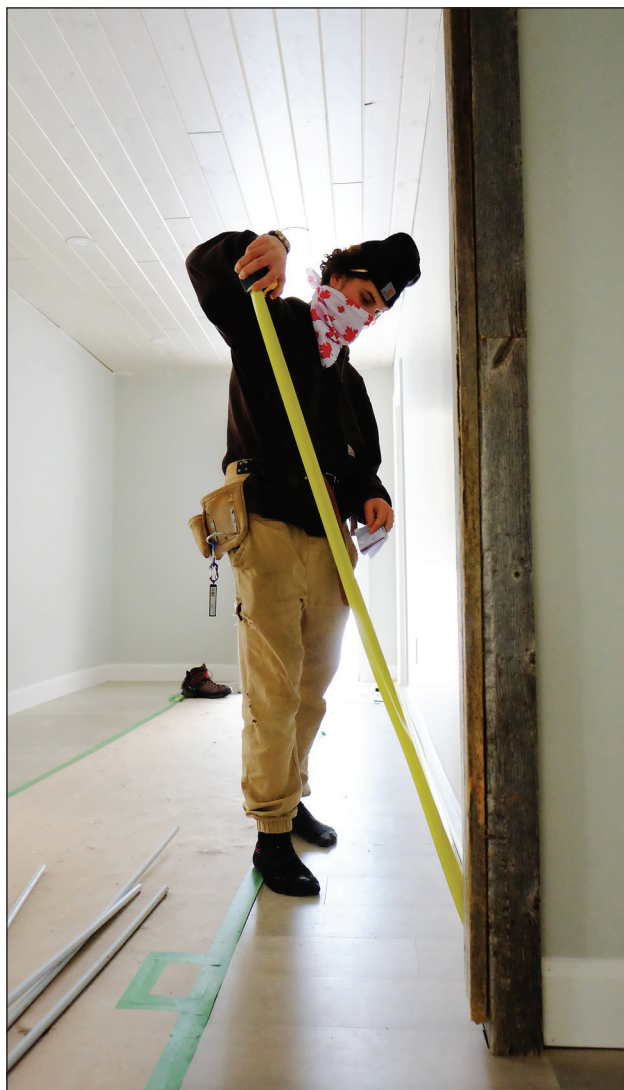
Campbell was happy with Kaleb and sees a near-future working relationship.

"He's already expressed an interest in potentially working together in the future and through the summer. We're definitely going to continue to work with him to get paid and that sort of thing. So, yeah, I think it's a great opportunity. I wish that I had done something like this when I was in high school, because it wasn't until I was, you know, over 30 when I realized I wanted to work in trades and I enjoy this kind of work. So, kind of having an experience younger on in life is a very valuable thing," he said.

Campbell is based in the Highlands and is a Victoria



Above, senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Kaleb Pereira preps surfaces for work at a job site in Haliburton during his four-credit co-op on Dec. 1 of last year. Kaleb said co-op is about gaining work experience and an opportunity to learn about different career paths. /DARREN LUM Staff



Left, Kaleb appreciated the opportunity to develop his trade skills, with the hope to be able to use what he learned with his own future home.

spective. He led an entirely different life just before his decision to work in the trades. From working, which was mostly a desk job in the city, as a project manager for Toronto Hydro, working as a contractor in the Highlands has been welcomed.

What he learned later in life is something he appreciates, but recognizes the value of getting a teen to realize this sooner. Campbell said he realized the trades were a viable option for a career instead of a "white-collar" job when his friend provided the opportunity for a change.

"I left my previous job and started working with him and then I was helping him with mostly project management, that sort of thing," he said. "But, ya, now, I've been doing contracting for three years. So, I've learned a fair bit."

When employers and educators talk about ensuring the prosperity of the economy the idea of keeping young adults from leaving regularly rests with area employment.

Kaleb has dreams, but also recognizes the potential of making a life here.

"Who knows? Maybe I'll stick around here," he said.

Note: co-op faculty lead Jason Morissette said Pereira is back in class for this semester, but is already looking to do another four-credit co-op next year, which is likely going to include carpentry.

Street School graduate, who decided to return home to make a life here. For the past three years, Campbell has been a contractor, which came from gaining a new per-

Flying the red and white well at OFSAA

Tidey and Smith's love for game rewarded

DARREN LUM

Editor

The Red Hawks senior girls' doubles badminton team of Ava Smith and Emma Tidey played among the best, savouring the dream at the all-provincials last week from May 5 to 7 in Pain Court.

Also known as the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship, the team earned their berth a week before with a second place finish at the Central Ontario Secondary School Associations' championships just a week before.

During a break in the action, Smith emailed the *Echo* about their experience and what getting to OFSAA meant.

"It is so exciting to be here at OFSAA. This has been our dream since we played badminton in gym class in Grade 6 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and

we found a love for this sport! We've worked really hard to make it here. We thank Mr. Schmidt for putting in so much time to practice with us," Smith said, referring to their coach Bob Schmidt.

Schmidt said the duo came through in the clutch during COSSA to punch their ticket to the all-provincials. After Tidey and Smith won two consecutive match wins, the team played for the top spot and lost. So, when the team was in the battle for the last berth for the all-provincials they beat their opponents 2-0, taking the match and second place with scores of 21-13 and 21-16.

Schmidt said during OFSAA that the team was playing well before the conclusion of the tournament – result to follow in a follow-up article in this coming *Echo*.

He said they were in the B flight of competition, with a record of 2-1 before the elimination rounds.



The girls' doubles team of Emma Tidey, from left, and Ava Smith competed at the all-provincials last week, which was a dream come true for the seniors. They earned their berth with a second place COSSA finish the week before. Submitted by Bob Schmidt

A return to the Red Hawks way after two years

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The cold, drizzling rain couldn't dampen the warmth, exuded by the beaming smiles of the Red Hawks girls' soccer teams at the home opener on Monday, May 2. The evident joy expressed by the senior and junior soccer players, wearing their red and white kits, was from being able to represent the community at their home field for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began more than two years ago.

The senior girls' team may have lost 3-1 at the conclusion of the third game of the season against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCVI) Spartans, but the score did not reflect the team's effort.

Senior girls' soccer coach, Doug Sullivan, said, "We played well and improved as the game went on. HHSS girls' soccer teams always compete hard, even though we are not as prepared as other years, as we only have five returning players who last played in Grade 9."

Despite only having a few players who had ever competed before, the team did not exhibit reservations about showing support for teammates, as they still took to the field with loud, encouraging cheers for each other.

Senior team captain, Bella Smolen, who is in her final year, enjoyed her first competitive soccer since she was about five because of the pandemic and related health measures that restricted gathering.

"After a tough loss at our away game on Apr. 25 in Lindsay, the whole team showed up for our home opener, played with tons of determination, and never gave up on the ball," she said.

She, like all of her teammates, missed out on the opportunity to play due to poor field conditions in the 2018 season, and the proceeding two seasons were lost due to COVID-19 health measures.

Amy Klose, senior girls' soccer coach, said that it's been amazing to watch the way the players make the best out of the situation and have been able to jump right back into playing competitively.

During the senior game, LCVI scored two of their goals during the first half



Oceane Harris receives a pass during the HHSS Red Hawks senior girls' first home soccer game since 2018 against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCVI) on Monday, May 2. The game finished with a score of 3-1 for LCVI with Hawks player Emma Tidey scoring their one goal with minutes left in the game. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

of the game and one in the second. Red Hawks player, Emma Tidey, scored their only goal with only a few minutes to spare.

Smolen said, "The highlight of the game was Emma Tidey scoring after I had just hit the post. She picked up the rebound and buried it in the net."

The HHSS junior girls' soccer team lost 5-2, which followed the seniors during the

double-header.

Courtney Cook, coach of the junior team, said, "The game started off well, but unfortunately, we lost steam going into the second half. We will take this as a learning experience. Our main goals going into the season were to get students active again, build team skills, and have fun."

Later in the week, the seniors went on



Emma Miller fights for the ball.

the road where they beat host school St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School 4-1 in Lindsay on May 4.

Sullivan said the team played well, led by the defence.

The Hawks have three more home games left in the season on May 9, May 11, and May 16, including the Kawartha Championship on May 20.

Jaguars re-join athletics

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's Megan Mould inbounds the ball to teammate Veronica Heasman, with Archie Stouffer Elementary School defenders Skylar Wright and Jayla Bird trying to disrupt the play during an exhibition basketball game between the two Highlands' schools on Wednesday, May 4 at JDHES in Haliburton. This was the first competitive school basketball game for the girls in more than two years due to the pandemic. /DARREN LUM Staff



Above, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School player Veronica Heasman breaks past Archie Stouffer Elementary School defenders.



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's Addyson Parish takes a shot, as Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Holly Crego looks on.



Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Holland Meyer looks to stay ahead of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School defender Veronica Heasman.

Bringing baseball back to Wilberforce

DARREN LUM

Editor

It's been close to five years since Wilberforce had a baseball league, but Wilberforce Elementary School alumnus Ally French is ready to take a swing at changing that with the Wilberforce Minor League Baseball League. With her partner Daniel Kay, the Wilberforce Lake residents, who both graduated from HHSS, wanted to re-start a league for their three and four year-old boys, Sawyer and Hudson, but also the entire community.

French remembers playing baseball as a young girl, starting at eight and playing until adolescence.

She has great memories from when she played, which was an inclusive and community building event each week.

"It really was a night everyone looked forward to to come together. Parents and children, you know, and not have to travel essentially. So it was all in the heart of the town," she said.

Baseball was chosen because both organizers know the game, and the children, who will register will have a variety of skill levels represented. Players will be welcomed for the instruction-based evening sessions, with team underhand pitching and a game to finish.

French welcomes teenagers to volunteer and gain hours towards fulfilling their requirements towards earning their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

All games (will technically include the larger softball than the palm-sized hardball, which is used in the Major Leagues) will be held Thursday nights from June 16 to Aug. 25 at the Wilberforce Baseball Diamond, located across the road from the Foodland on Essonville Line. There are three age groups four to seven, starting at 5:30 p.m., eight to 12 starting at 6:30 p.m., and 12 to 15 starting at 7:30 p.m. Currently, the goldst age group needs more players to be able to hold games. French said she welcomes parents/guardians to help with team pitching or bat catching duties during games. The registration fee is \$45 per player and includes a T-shirt and team pictures. However, the registration cost can be waived for special circumstances. She hopes to have everyone registered by May 23 to set teams.

She welcomes players.



The reason behind the Wilberforce Minor Baseball League is Ally French's children three-year-old Sawyer, left, and four-year-old Hudson and the community where she still fondly remembers playing baseball. Contact Ally at 705-457-5725 by phone or text for more information and registration forms. /Submitted by Ally French

"We will be more than happy to have you come and play in our league," she said.

French said this league will be open to all children, who want to play regardless of income.

"So we wanted to provide and offer a sport, baseball for the kids in that area and to make it affordable as well. Very accessible and affordable," she said.

The league is looking for sponsors to help with the purchase of bases and baseball bats for all ages playing. The season will be celebrated with a barbecue.

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Women's soccer league kicks off season

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

An ambitious new resident is eager to share her devoted passion for soccer with the community.

Fitness trainer, Kathy Judson, moved to the area with her husband and twin daughters last summer, but quickly discovered that the chance to play the game most important to her was missing.

"Soccer is not just exercise and sport, but rather, it is therapy, it is friendships, it is vitamin D, it is well-earned sweat, it is walking down memory lane, and it is setting an example for my girls," Judson said.

When the opportunity was not there to play, she knew she had to create it.

With that, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics was born, featuring a women's league and a youth league.

Since being introduced to soccer at the age of 22, Judson knew that it was an opportunity that needed to be shared with as many women as possible.

Playing soccer in Belle River outdoors that summer, she missed the sport so much when the season ended that she created a women's indoor league of her own to continue playing in the winter. This would prove to be the first of many leagues spearheaded by Judson.

She soon moved to London, England, and, to her surprise, found herself on a semi-pro women's team playing in the Women's Football Association Cup at Wembley Stadium, the oldest single-elimination soccer tournament in the world.

"I searched everywhere for a rec league to play in, but, unlike Canada, rec soccer for women didn't exist yet," she said. "I was thrown into the hardest, most non-fun soccer of my life [while playing with the semi-pro team], but I sure did learn a lot," Judson said.

Judson then moved to Paris, France, and again, found herself struggling to find a recreational women's league to play in. This time, she took the liberty of creating her own, Women's International Soccer Paris, which attracted players from all over the world.

With women from various backgrounds already registered, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics is proving to have a similar effect.

The Haliburton women's league welcomes women of all skill levels, any age over 18, and begins at the end of June. The league will run on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. and go until mid-September.

To Judson, women's soccer is limitless in the benefits that it can offer its players.

"Women lend themselves in many directions in order to care for our families, jobs, and businesses, and making this time for ourselves doesn't come natu-



Fitness trainer, Kathy Judson, is new to Haliburton County and was quick to notice the absence of a women's soccer league. With the help of the Municipality of Dysart et al, Judson created Haliburton Grassroots Athletics. The new organization consists of a youth league and a women's league and welcomes all ages and skill levels. Registration is \$100 for each league. For registration and more information, visit www.dysartetal.ca/en/news/soccer-registration.aspx. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Soccer is not just exercise and sport, but rather, it is therapy, it is friendships, it is vitamin D, it is well-earned sweat, it is walking down memory lane, and it is setting an example for my girls.

— Kathy Judson

rally," she said.

Carla Hill, a paramedic in the county, said that she recently joined the league to add some enjoyment to her life after living through a pandemic for two years.

"I decided now was the time to spice up

my routine and do something for me. I'm 40, a mother of two, and am excited to be a part of the [league]," Hill said.

Haliburton Grassroots Athletics was made possible thanks to the help of the Municipality of Dysart et al and a sponsorship by Tim Hortons.

Timbits is sponsoring the youth league to provide equipment for its players aged nine and under, and the Haliburton Tim Hortons will cover equipment costs for youth not under the Timbits sponsorship.

"Many children would not have the opportunity to play sports without the involvement of Tims. Organized leagues promote healthy, happy children who will retain fond memories from their involvement in team sports." Haliburton Tim Hortons' owner, Nancy Bishop, said. "It's wonderful to know that the Haliburton Highlands will have organized soccer for kids of all ages. Kids thrive on playing team sports and having all teams looking good in team jerseys and participating in something new for the area is thrilling."

The youth league will play every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at either the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Associ-

ation's fish hatchery or one of the school fields in Haliburton. The women's league has not yet determined where they will play. Updates can be found on the Municipality of Dysart et al's website.

Registration is \$100 per player for the season, and registration for both the women's league and the youth league is now live here: www.dysartetal.ca/en/news/soccer-registration.aspx.

As an added bonus, Judson is offering free summer access to her fitness platform, Sweatbank, to any woman who registers for Haliburton Grassroots Athletics soccer.

Judson would like the league to grow into a larger soccer organization in time with multiple teams, a game schedule, referees, spectators, and more sponsors.

"I would love to see this league as something that our local women look forward to every summer, running decades into the future so that my girls will have it to enjoy as well," Judson said. "With any luck, we might be able to play on the same team one day."

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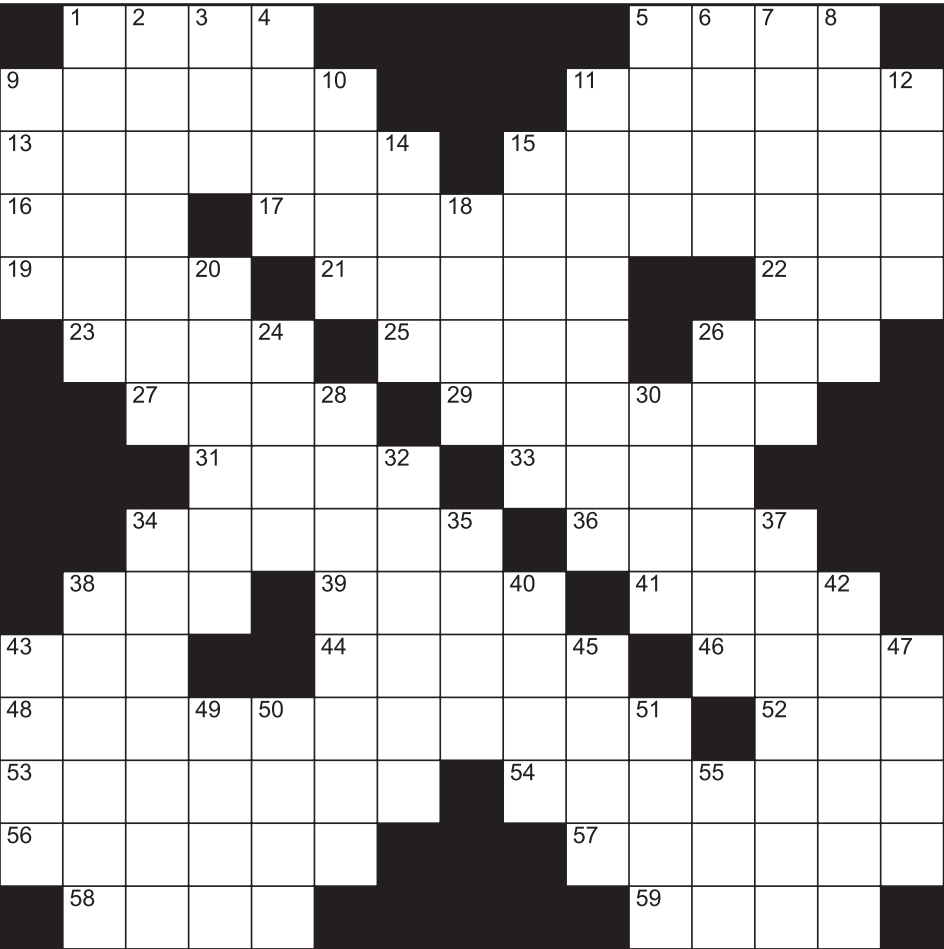
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 - 16. A way to save for retirement
 - 17. The Big Apple
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 - 21. City in New Hampshire
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 - 25. Without (French)
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 - 27. System of one more computers
 - 29. Captures
 - 31. Authentic
 - 33. Female mammal's nipple
 - 34. Pandemonium
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 - 38. Arrived extinct
 - 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
 - 41. Network of nerves
 - 43. Monetary unit
 - 44. Showed old TV show
 - 46. They help you hear
 - 48. One who eliminates
 - 52. Congress' investigative arm
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 - 56. Takes illegally
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 - 59. German surname

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 - 7. Helps
 - 8. Final section of the large intestine
 - 9. Invests in little enterprises
 - 10. Look for
 - 11. Unbeliefs
 - 12. Susan and Tom are two
 - 14. Female sheep
 - 15. A poet writes it
 - 18. Affirmatives
 - 20. "Full House" actress Barber
 - 24. Traveled rapidly
 - 26. Long upholstered seat
 - 28. Set wages
 - 30. Peter Gabriel song
 - 32. Sides of a jacket
 - 34. More beautiful
 - 35. Actress Kate
 - 37. Furniture with open shelves
 - 38. Indicate
 - 40. The cost of a rooam
 - 42. Gets rid of something
 - 43. Impudence
 - 45. No No No
 - 47. Drunkards
 - 49. Middle eastern country
 - 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
 - 51. Primary component of ribosomes
 - 55. An informal debt instrument

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Visitors inspire spring cleaning efforts

community news
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Eleanor Cooper
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The living room doesn't look well yet, but I dream of its fresh colour as I prepare to paint. Years ago I wanted to change the brown plywood walls to white. I had no idea it would take so long to free them, to move a little furniture, to cover the sofa, etc. Having looked into it I recall how much time that took. This year I have an end of June goal in mind. That's when two sons from B.C. will appear and I want the job finished well in advance. Of course, the immediate reaction from my daughter as well as the boys was, "Don't get up on a ladder. You're not going to do it yourself are you?"

Take it easy my dears, already kind friends have offered to help. Anyway, I like to paint and I know of a shade of off-cream, with the lightest possible green. So far, I have filled boxes with books so that shelves can be set out from the wall. Books have been sorted and albums of family photos, many of them of pipers. My late-husband Earl was especially fond of the one showing himself taller

than the boys: it must have been about 1992. Plaques take up one of the sturdier boxes. Now the records without number must be placed as well as CDs, with many of which were gifts. Much to move, much to clear or clean. Wish me luck. I know I'm not the only one to have found this daunting task, and I do look forward to starting the job. Meals stashed in the fridge means time spared when little time is spared to cook or bake. Again, friends have already helped in this department.

Thank goodness for warmer weather. Doors can be opened much of the time. Thanks for your kind attention. No doubt suggestions will come my way, whether or not I'll comply. For sure I'll let you know the outcome. Don't hold your breath though.

Now in a more serious vein. We've lost a dear neighbour recently in the person of Doris Laporte. At the visitation I especially wanted to greet her son, Blake, who had been a former pupil of mine at the West Guilford school. Then there was another neighbour Al Mahaffy, who passed away suddenly and all I could do was pick some of my early daffodils and take a card to Liz whose husband had done expert leather repair for me from time to time. Liz and step-daughters are supported in offering practical help by the community and by prayers in sympathy in the time of this awful loss.

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Rogers will respond to all reasonable and relevant concerns, and the Township will be taking into account comments from the public and Rogers' response to each when providing its position to the proponent and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.


Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is responsible for the approval of this antenna system and requires that we review this proposal with the local municipality. After reviewing this proposal, the Township of Dysart et al will provide its position to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and to Rogers.

Contact information:

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The winning rink for the Haliburton Curling Club's The Best Ever Bonspiel 2022 skip Neil Darby, from left, vice, Stephen Orr, lead, Carol Krieger, second, Barry Hughes. /Photos submitted by Mary Hillaby.



Second place rink at The Best Ever Bonspiel lead, Scott Childs, from left, second, Nancy Hughes, vice, Garth Krieger, and skip, Don Hillaby.



Third place rink at The Best Ever Bonspiel 2022 second, Bill Keevil, from left, skip, Steve Colliver, lead, Karen Howard-Tripp, and vice, Eva Griffith.



The fourth place rink at The Best Ever Bonspiel 2022 skip, Dave Ablett, from left, vice, Lance Payne, lead, Megan Hebart-Orr and second, Dave DeLyzer, who was playing for Curtis Eastmure.

Ending the year on a positive note

The Haliburton Curling Club closed its doors on Saturday, April 30 after a year of unprecedented circumstances. The one and only bonspiel the club was able to have was the annual Best Ever Closing Bonspiel.

Sixteen teams and 64 curlers took part in a two-week bonspiel to celebrate a successful year of curling under the conditions of a pandemic. There was a lot of fun had by all as nighttime curlers and daytime curlers got to meet and play on the same team.

Congratulations to the team of Neil Darby, Stephen Orr, Barry Hughes and Carol Krieger who placed first in this event.

Many thanks to the organizers; Wanda Stephen, Kent

Milford, Mary Hillaby, Sue Mason, Jackie Bradbury, Brenda Eastmure and Ferne Taylor.

The pandemic certainly affected the community during the past couple of years. The curling club was able to have three sessions of curling this past season and extend its schedule into the later part of April.

Many thanks to all the members, John Watson and his ice team and the community for supporting the club this year. Excellent protocols were put in place to help keep the members safe.

We are planning to have a celebration on Sat. Sept. 10 with our annual pig roast, music and registration to begin another wonderful year of curling. We hope to see

you there!

Come and talk to us at the Home and Cottage Show, which is being held at the A.J. LaRue Arena and the curling club from June 2 to 4. We will have a booth at the show and answer any questions you might have about curling and joining us for the upcoming season.

submitted by Mary Hillaby

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Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their May 24, 2022 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2022-33, being a by-law to impose fees and charges.

A fee structure is being proposed to address recommendations through the County of Haliburton Service Delivery Review process. The proposed fee by-law includes several updates, including a tiered fee structure to recognize and apply separate fees for major versus minor development applications.

The tiered fee structure applies to zoning by-law amendments, official plan amendments, site plan agreements and minor variance applications.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on <https://www.dysartetal.ca/>.

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Back in the game

Finley Miscio, left, and Madison Decarlo enjoy warming up during their first night of ball hockey of the season at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton on May 3. Dysart et al ball hockey is now happening every Tuesday evening until June 7, times dependent on age category. For more information, visit www.dysartetel.ca/en/explore-and-play/ball-hockey.aspx. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Early Learning Facilitators are responsible for planning and facilitating early learning and caregiver education/support programs. Our facilitators offer activities to promote enquiry-based learning and socialization for children 6 years of age and under. Working alongside other OEYC HVB staff and community partners, they support the needs of the participants and share up to date information and resources. Building positive connections with children, parents, grand-parents and caregivers is essential to this role.

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Myria Stoughton (nee Higgins)
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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday afternoon, May 5, 2022 in her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late Clifford Stoughton. Loving mother of Sharon Stoughton-Craig (Ken), Wayne (Dawn), Joan McCausland (Derrick) and Boyd (Laura). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her great great grandchildren. Dear sister of Myrtle Johns. Predeceased by her sisters Gladys, Opal and brothers Victor, David, Ebby, Clem, George and Lance. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Myria was an avid volunteer in the Gooderham Community and enjoyed outdoor activities for many years. Myria owned and operated with her husband, Stoughton Electric, Stoughton's Barber Shop, Bait & Tackle, Stoughton & Hunter Holdings Ltd. They also owned and operated a bus route for the local school for over 30 years.

Memorial Gathering

A Memorial Gathering will take place at the ROBERT McCAUSLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE in Gooderham, Ontario on Saturday May 28, 2022 from 2 - 4 p.m.. At the request of the family, please wear a mask. Private interment Gooderham Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario. Diabetes Canada, Alzheimers Society or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.
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■ **GOOD CAUSE:** Hike for Hospice

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■ **ARTS GALA**

Big honours and fond farewells

JENN WATT

Editor

It was a night perfectly balanced in many ways: between young and old, between artists breaking in and performers exiting the stage, between serious honours and whimsical farces.

And although it was supposed to look post apocalyptic, the fourth annual honours gala of the Haliburton arts council May 1 was again a shimmering example of what is possible in the county.

"We rival many communities many times our size," arts council chairperson Leslie English said.

The natural environment may be the face of Haliburton County, but "artists are its beating heart."

Throughout the evening that heart beat both figuratively and literally as the community celebrated the best among them and Barry "Bazza" Hayward led the group in a participatory rhythm ex-

See **Tiffany Howe** page 18



ANGELICA BLENICH/Echo

Chung brings music to the Highlands

One of the most successful piano soloists in North America, Lucille Chung came to play at the Northern Lights Pavilion Saturday night, wowing the crowd. Story and review, page 31.

■ **BADMINTON**

Yake and Murray win gold at COSSA

JERRY GROZELLE

Special to the Echo

One junior Red Hawks badminton team earned gold at the COSSA tournament at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay Thursday.

The duo of Brett Yake and Andrew Murray will compete at the OFSAA championship in Wingham this week after winning gold at the Central Ontario level.

"All 12 players competed well in a field with some tough competition," said juniors coach Bob Schmidt. "The boys' doubles team consisting of Brett Yake and Andrew Murray played some terrific matches that led to a well-earned gold medal championship."

Top four finishes were earned by Bin Chun and Darcy Schmidt (fourth in boys' doubles) and Grace Diezel and Sam Tallman (fourth in girls' doubles).

"Congratulations to the boys and to the whole team for a very successful season," Schmidt said.

The senior Red Hawks had a tougher time at the finals. See page 25.



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